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FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating measures such as improving the flood warning system and repair of river embankments to prevent disasters in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION; PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) The Central Water Commission (CWC) carries out flood forecasting activities on major rivers in the country during every monsoon. It has already undertaken modernisation of its flood forecasting network since IX Plan. So far, automatic data collection and transmission system has been installed at 445 stations. Besides, three Earth Receiving Stations (ERS) one each at Jaipur (Rajasthan), Burla (Odisha), New Delhi as also 21 Modelling Centres have been established which are used for expeditious flood warning during monsoon.

The flood management being within the purview of the State Governments, the related schemes are formulated and implemented by concerned State Governments. However, in order to provide promotional support to States for effective management of floods in critical areas, the Government of India had launched a Flood Management Programme during XI Plan. In October, 2013 the Cabinet had approved its continuation during XII Plan. The scope of Flood Management Programme covers the works related to river management, drainage development, anti-erosion, anti-sea erosion, restoration of earlier flood management works etc. However, the works of general repair and maintenance of embankments are not covered under Flood Management Programme, which is carried out by concerned State Governments from their own resources.